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SUBJECT: FY-76 IV PROGRAM: WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT GROUP

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 2730 B) STATE 028361

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS AND GROUP ETA SUBMITTED BY POST, HOWEVER, REQUEST FLIGHT INFO ASAP. GRANTS BEING PROCESSED AND FISCAL DATA TO BE FORWARDED SOONEST. AAI PROGRAM DISCUSSION SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11, HOWEVER, REQUEST POST CONSIDER MAY 9, ETA AND MAY 10, FOR DISCUSSION SESSION, AS AAI BETTER ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE GROUP ON THAT DATE. REQUEST COMMENT ASAP.

2. SPACE RESERVED AT WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE PER REFTEL (A) AS ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS UNTIL MAXIMUM OF THREE HUNDRED IS REACHED. ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF TEN DOLLAR CONFERENCE FEE PER PARTICIPANT NECESSARY. MORE DETAIL ON CONFERENCE PROGRAM AND STRUCTURE BEING MAILED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. BEGIN FYI:
THE CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT AND ITS IMPACT ON THEIR STATUS IN SOCIETY. DEVELOPMENT WILL BE INTERPRETED NOT ONLY TO INCLUDE

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUT THOSE CHANGES IN FAMILIAL ROLES,

PARTICIPATION IN THE SOCIAL POLITY, ETC., WHICH MAY BE TRACED TO CHANGES IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC STRUCTURES. IT WILL CONSIDER A LONG TIME FRAME, EMBRACING THE COLONIAL PERIOD AS WELL AS CONTEMPORARY CHANGE.

4. THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE WILL BE A WORKING CONFERENCE AND WILL BE ACADEMICALLY ORIENTED. THE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULING A SERIES OF 20 PANELS/WORKSHOPS TO RUN CONCURRENTLY. PANELIST ARE BEING SELECTED ACCORDING TO THE RELEVANCE OF THEIR RESEARCH TO THE TOPIC AND HOW RECENTLY THE RESEARCH WAS COMPLETED. DURING THE SESSIONS WHICH WILL LAST THREE HOURS WITH A BREAK IN THE MIDDLE, THE PANELISTS ARE TO RESPOND TO SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS POSED TO THEM AND TO ENGAGE IN AN ACTIVE DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH NEEDS AND POSE TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS.

5. THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO ENABLE SCHOLARS FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS (UNITED STATES AND ABROAD), TO IDENTIFY EACH OTHER AND TO HAVE COMPARATIVE DISCUSSIONS OF THEIR THEORIES AND MODELS, AND TO TEST THEM AGAINST EMPIRICAL FINDINGS ON ASPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT QUESTION, TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR FUTURE RESEARCH AND TO PRODUCE A BODY OF LITERATURE AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS, AS A MEANS OF GENERATING A MORE INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE POLICY.
END FYI.

6. CONFERENCE OFFICIALS WELCOME THE INTEREST EXPRESSED BY THE WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT GROUP, HOWEVER, ALSO REQUEST COMMENT ON AND POSSIBLE SUPPORT OF THE ETHIOPIAN WOMEN SUGGESTED IN REFTTEL (B). INGERSOLL

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